(घ) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान खर्च की जाने वाली प्रस्तावित राशि निम्न-लिखित है :—

वर्ष — 95.56 करोड़ रु०

सबसिडी — 9.19 करोड़ रु०

वर्ष 1989-90 के लिए वार्षिक योजना और बजट को अभी अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है । अतः 1989-90 के दौरान खर्च की जाने वाली सम्भावित राशि दर्शाना सम्भव नहीं है ।

(ङ) इस समय 10 कार्यरत महा-पत्तन हैं अर्थात् बम्बई, मद्रास, मुरगांव, पारादीप, टूटीकोरिन, कलकत्ता (हल्दिया सहित), विशाखापत्तनम, कोचीन, कांडला, न्यू मंगलूर और एक पत्तन अर्थात् न्हावा शेवा पत्तन निर्माणाधीन है । पत्तनों का विकास और सुधार एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और चालू वर्ष सहित प्रत्येक वर्ष पत्तनों के विकास से संबंधित विभिन्न कार्य निष्पादित किए जा रहे हैं । सातवीं पंच वर्षीय योजना में महापत्तनों के विकास के लिए 955 करोड़ रु० की राशि का प्रावधान किया गया है ।

Subway at Palavanthangal railway gate, Madras

*277. UHRl LAL K. ADVANI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether a subway at Palavan-thangal railway gate in Madras City was sanctioned about three years ago and all construction material was dumped to start the project; if so, wha[1] are the details of orogress made so far; and

(b) by when the work on this project is proposed to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) Yes, Sir. The work could not, however, be started ow account of the State Government not acquiring the land for its portion of the work, i.e., the approaches on either side.

(b) This mainly depends on how long the State Government will take to complete the approaches, which is the critical activity.

Shortage of Aircraft Capacity

*278. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Wil] the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have liberated its charter policy to overcome shortage of aircraft capacity; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CTVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In order to encourage overseas tourist traffic to Ind'a, the Government hwe liberalis-ed its charter polcy. Th- charter -detines wil[1] not permit nassengers to land not only at Delhi. Bombay, Madras Calcutta, Trivandrum. Dabolim (Goa) and Bangalore but charters will also he permitted to land at Hyderabad, Varanasi, Ahmedabad and Bhubneswar.

Female Literacy in the Country

*279. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the. National Commis-s'on on Self-employed Women has observed that the female literacy rate is still lower in the country;

(b) if so, what are the areas where the female literacy is very low and what are the main reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRl P. SHIV SHANKER); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission on Sell-Employed Women has in its re port concluded that the incidence of illiteracy amongst women is far grea ter in rural areas than in the urban areas. The main reason for the high incidence of illiteracy is the poor en rolment of girlg and even poorer re tention after enrolment. The high drot) out rate is in turn due to their contribution in helping their mothers in domestic work, looking after their younger brothers and sisters and con tributing to the family economy as child labour, besides socio religious customs which do not permit girls to travel long distances from home.

(c) The Department of Education have alreadv in·tiated action in the matter as stated below:—

(i) Mobilisation of women adult learners for the Adult Education Centres in large number;

(ii) Appointment of large number of women instructors even by relaxing the minimum qualifications;

(iii) Making arrangements for continuing education of swh instructors so that they are equipped as good and competent instructors;

(iv) Substantial women's participation under the Mass Programme of Functional Literacy;

(v) Sizeable participation of women adult learners in Vocational and Technical Education;

(vi) Induction of women on a large scale in literacy Mission Management;

(vii) Involvement of large number of vo'un+arrr agencres, especially, VAs working for women;

(viii) More attention by Shramik Vidyapeeths to women workers;

(ix) Special orientation and training of women instructors as effective agents of promoting women's equality and empowerment;

(x) Designing an Adult Education Programme for women which will be linked with imparting new skills, upgradation of their existing skills and new income generating activities;

(xi) Creation and provision of opportunities for retention of literacy skills and application of this learning for improving their living conditions;

(xii) Setting up of cells in the State Directorates of Adult Education and State Resource Centres to plan and administer women's programme and encouraging their participation in condensed courses.

Cargo Handled by Paradip Port

*280. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total metric tonnes of cargo handled bv Paradip Port during 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and so far during 1988-89, alongwith the value thereof;

(b) whether the short-fall in respect of Iron Ore exports have put the Pert in bad shape;

(c) if so, what action Government heve taken to increase the Iron Ore export through this Port;

(d) whether it is a fact that Aluminium produced by National Aluminium Comoanv Ltd. is being exported throueh Visakhapatnam Port instead of Paradip Port; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?